

HOOVER LEADS IN BIG STRAW POLL

Vote Now at 559,806 for Hoover and 499,122 for Smith; Balloting Ahead of Expectations; No Decisive Swing Either Way

Balloting in the nation-wide straw poll conducted through 2,000 country newspapers the country over has to date far exceeded the expectations of the Autocaster News Service by which The Democrat is served and through which national organization the poll is taken. There have been well over a million votes tabulated.

However, it is pointed out nothing decisive can be ascertained. Hoover remains consistently in the lead but his advantage is slight. He has 559,806 votes, as compared with 499,122. Mathematically, the difference between these two figures seems quite large, but on a percentage basis the difference is small. Hoover claiming only 52.8 per cent of the total. When the first compilation of results was made the Republican nominee had received 68 per cent of the total vote. Since then his percentage has been going down slowly, but this week's reports registers him another slight gain. The general tendency of the vote, however, seems to be "even up."

Smith constantly approaching Hoover's figure, then falling back. The same is true of the poll being taken by the Hearst newspapers where opinions of a half million voters have been registered. Hoover has been leading by about 10,000 votes. The fascinating thing about all this is that straw votes in previous years have shown entirely different tendencies, the man to win being generally away to the fare. In the last campaign at this time the Hearst poll reported twice as many votes for Coolidge as for Davis. Party lines are reported to be slackening and Autocaster predicts a very close and exciting battle, whereas in 1924 at this stage of the game the organization had definitely counted Coolidge elected.

A vote being taken by the New York Daily News gives Smith 35,750 and Hoover 36,201. These votes were taken from New York state alone. The Yorkers (N. Y.) Herald gives Smith a lead of less than a thousand, while the Farm Journal, a national organ, gives 12,742 to Hoover and 11,105 to Smith.

The interesting thing, it may be pointed out about the Autocaster poll, the largest yet tabulated, is that it is being taken through the small town papers and necessarily represents rural opinions.

ONLY LIVING EX-PRESIDENT HAPPY ON 71ST BIRTHDAY

Washington, Sept. 15.—This is a big day for a jolly big man up at Murray Bay, Quebec.

It is the birthday of William Howard Taft, who has kept a cheery disposition through four years at the White House, other years in exacting administrative duties shifted to him by the American government, and more years as chief justice of the United States supreme court. He is 71 years old today. Most of the American residents at Pointe-Au-Pic, where his summer home is located are congratulating him and the Canadians living at the settlement three miles away are joining in.

The birthday always demonstrates the great affection in which the chief justice is held by his Murray Bay friends. They have had prepared birthday cakes in great profusion, large and small, and arranged to shower upon him flowers and other tokens of remembrance.

Members of his immediate family—Mrs. Taft, his daughter Helen and her husband, his two sons, Robert and Charles and their wives, and his eleven grandchildren—were there to make the day memorable.

Six thousand people from many parts of North Carolina gathered at Bethaven Thursday to celebrate the opening of the newest link in the inland waterway from Boston to Key West, Fla. The link connects the Alligator river with the Pungo river by a 12-foot ditch 22 miles in length. It eliminates the treacherous waters of the Pamlico sound, since the beginning of time, feared by boatmen and raftsmen going along the north and south inland route. Congressman Warren, ex-Congressman John H. Small and Hon. Josephus Daniels were the principal speakers.

A Flighty Young Man



Here's George Zinn, Jr., of Rydal, Pa., the youngest entrant in the transcontinental air races from New York to Los Angeles.

THIS WEEK

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

IF WAR VANISHED PAIN AND SUFFERING ABOLISHING POVERTY PADLOCKS FOR HOMES?

That pack outlawing war is signed, and for the present, nations seem to take it seriously. Suppose the improbable should happen, and all nations suddenly abandon war. What would happen?

Earth's population has been regulated by war, disease and famine. Machinery and better government have practically eliminated famine.

Science has almost eliminated the plagues that killed wholesale. No more "Black Death." With war gone, what would prevent growth of population greater than the earth could sustain?

Divine Wisdom, ruling the earth, is probably able to solve that problem as it has taken care of others, including the most difficult, how to keep populations growing in spite of war, plague and famine.

The Rev. Dr. Auer, who teaches philosophy at Tufts College, says men should not seek to avoid pain and suffering but to understand both.

That is better than the old theory that God actually wanted men to suffer.

When anaesthetics were first used the clergy of Britain denounced them as interfering with God's wishes.

God wishes us to suffer when we have our legs cut off, and men must not interfere with His plans by using chloroform, thus cheating the Lord, said the preachers.

An ingenious doctor answered, to the confusion of clergymen, quoting the book of Genesis, asserting that the Lord was the one to use anaesthetics when He "caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam" before removing one of Adam's ribs to make Eve.

Men should understand pain and suffering, of course, as the reverend philosopher Auer says. But they should also concentrate on eliminating both by scientific means, and especially by abolishing poverty.

The best thing in Herbert Hoover's speech of acceptance, the best thing said by any presidential candidate since Lincoln, was his statement expressing the hope that by giving every man a job, well paid, poverty may be made to disappear.

In Minnesota prohibition officials threaten to padlock wet homes.

Quite a surprise for the Minnesota ploughman homeward plodding his weary way, or children from the public schools to find the front and back door padlocked, and be compelled to sleep in the garage.

One way to kill a thing is to make it ridiculous.

Seven thousand miles happens to be the distance in a straight line across the Pacific ocean. Planes able to make that trip ought to interest us.

But we haven't any air ministry. Our government doesn't yet realize that airplanes really exist. This nation, richest in the world, depends on private individuals to develop the airplane. We may pay for that some day and be compelled to call on British airplanes to help us as we had to call on British ships to help us in the big war.

What we are saving now on airplanes may cost us a thousand dollars for one some fine day.

Dempsey Becomes Actor



AUTOCASTER Jack and Mrs. Dempsey (Estelle Taylor), as they appeared starring in the new play on Broadway called "The Big Fight."

The Latest Out

An elderly lady entered a shop and asked to be shown some tablecloths.

The salesman brought some, but nothing seemed to suit her. "Haven't you anything new?" she asked. The perspiring shopman brought another pile and said:

"These are the newest pattern, madam. You will notice the edge runs right around the border and the center is in the middle."

"Dear me, so it does. I will take half a dozen of those," said the lady.

Knew What He Was Talking About

The Wife: "Hubby, what kept you out so late last night?"

Hubby: "I (hic) been out with a chiffonier."

The Wife: "Chiffonier? Why you don't know what you're talking about. A chiffonier is a swell little dresser."

Hubby: "Yes, that's her."

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Second Tract: Beginning on a poplar and runs west 55 poles to a stake in the old line near a maple tree; thence south with Penley's old line on top of the ridge; thence east 55 poles to a large spruce pine near the bank of the branch; thence north to the beginning, containing 25 acres, more or less.

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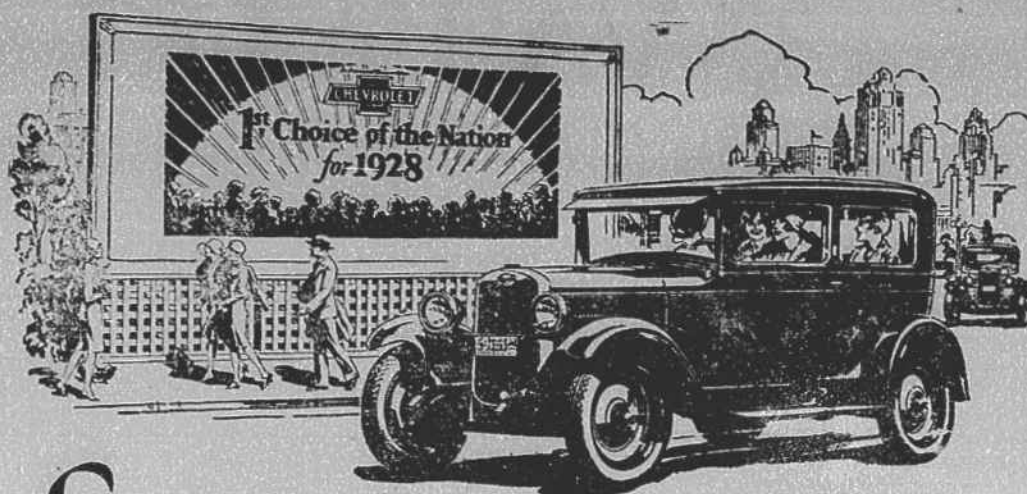
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